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For: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR TREATING DISC HERNIATION AND PREVENTING THE EXTRUSION OF INTERBODY BONE GRAFT

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed October 1, 2002, Applicant hereby elects Group II, claims 12-18, for further prosecution of the above-referenced application.

In addition, enclosed is Applicant's substitute Declaration/Power of Attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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